

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gijsbertus Jacob Verkerke, et al.
Title: CATHETER PUMP, CATHETER AND METHOD FOR SUPPORTING
ORGAN PERFUSION
Docket: 31900US1

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
(Submitted with initial filing)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application prior to its examination as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, please insert the following new paragraph:

- -This application is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/363,711,
filed July 29, 1999.- -

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 to read as follows.

3. (Amended) A catheter pump according to claim 1, said catheter being dimensioned for positioning said distal end portion in a portion of the aorta where arteries towards the abdominal organs connect to the aorta when the catheter is in a position inserted via an artery in the area of the groin.

Please add new claim 26 as follows.

26. (New) A catheter pump according to claim 2, said catheter being dimensioned for positioning said distal end portion in a portion of the aorta where arteries towards the abdominal organs connect to the aorta when the catheter is in a position inserted via an artery in the area of the groin.

REMARKS

The application has been amended to state that it is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/363,711, filed July 29, 1999 and to eliminate multiple dependency in the claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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3. (Amended) A catheter pump according to claim 1[or 2], said catheter being dimensioned for positioning said distal end portion in a portion of the aorta where arteries towards the abdominal organs connect to the aorta when the catheter is in a position inserted via an artery in the area of the groin.